

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/607,568

Examiner

Christopher J Brown

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/06/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6-9, 11, 12, 14-16, 19-21, 24-26, 29-36.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 6/29/2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>12/06/04</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael D'Aurelio on 12/08/04. The application has been amended as follows:

Please remove the period "." at the end of CLAIM 14

Please remove the word "and" on line 9 of CLAIM 14

Please add to the end of CLAIM 14:

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logic to send the FROM field identifier to a digital sending device to be locked in a FROM field associated with a data transmission in a manner that prevents a user from entering or altering the FROM field identifier at the digital sending device.

"

Please remove the period “.” at the end of CLAIM 19

Please remove the word “and” at the end of line 4 in CLAIM 19

Please add to the end of CLAIM 19:

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; and
means for sending the FROM field identifier to a digital sending device to
be locked in a FROM field associated with a data transmission in a manner that
prevents a user from entering or altering the FROM field identifier at the digital
sending device.

“

Please remove the period “.” at the end of CLAIM 24

Please remove the word “and” at the end of line 5 in CLAIM 24

Please add to the end of CLAIM 24:

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; and
sending the FROM field identifier to a digital sending device to be locked
in a FROM field associated with a data transmission in a manner that prevents a
user from entering or altering the FROM field identifier at the digital sending
device.

“

Please remove the period "." at the end of CLAIM 29

Please remove the word "and" at the end of line 14 in CLAIM 29

Please add to the end of CLAIM 29:

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; and

preventing a user from entering or altering the FROM field identifier at the device.

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Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

" Special Edition Using Netscape 2" by Mark R. Brown 1992 fails to show the From field is locked. Brown shows the From field in multiple figures, but the field is easily configurable via the options menus.

Garrison discloses a Client with a processor (DSP) and memory (disk) coupled to a local network (network interface), (Col 3 lines 53-65). Garrison discloses logic to input a password associated with a user, (Col 4 lines 28, 29, Col 5 lines 4-8). Garrison discloses logic to authenticate the password, (Col 6 lines 3-18).

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Garrison fails to disclose any From field that is locked, wherein the user is prevented from entering or altering said field.

Misra discloses using a domain controller to verify a password.

Misra does not disclose a From field that is locked, wherein the user is prevented from entering or altering said field.

Lee discloses requesting the from field from a server.

Lee does not disclose a From field that is locked, wherein the user is prevented from entering or altering said field.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher J Brown whose telephone number is (571)272-3833. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Morse can be reached on (571)272-3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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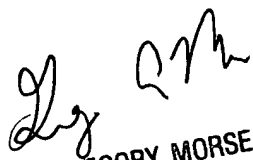
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Christopher J. Brown

12/08/04

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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